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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: NOW RUZ MESSAGE TO IRANIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI (S/S NO. 7505168)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ACT. ASST. SEC. SOBER

1. MARCH 21 IS IRAN'S NEW YEAR'S DAY AND IT HAS BEEN
CUSTOMARY FOR YOU TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER.
AMBASSADOR HELMS WILL SEND A MESSAGE OF FELICITATIONS TO
THE IMPERIAL COURT ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE. THE PRESIDENT HAS LIMITED HIS ANNUAL
PERSONAL MESSAGES TO THE SHAH'S BIRTHDAY IN OCTOBER.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

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THAT YOU APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

LAST YEAR WAS MARKED BY BOTH CONTINUED PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY IN IRAN AND BY A FURTHER INTENSIFYING OF THE CLOSE AND VERY CORDIAL TIES WHICH HAVE LONG CHARACTERIZED THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THE SUCCESS OF THE JOINT COMMISSION IS FURTHER PRACTICAL EVIDENCE OF THE DEGREE OF COOPERATION WHICH WE HAVE REACHED. IT WAS A PRIVILEGE FOR MY WIFE AND ME TO MEET WITH YOU LAST YEAR AND TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL WITH YOU TO THE MAGNIFICENT CITY OF ISFAHAN AND TO TAKHTE JAMSHED. I TAKE SPECIAL PERSONAL PLEASURE IN EXTENDING TO YOU AND TO YOUR COUNTRY MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS IN THE COMING YEAR.

I WISH TO CONGRATULATE YOU ESPECIALLY FOR THE GREAT SUCCESS ACHIEVED IN 1353 BY IRANIAN DIPLOMACY IN ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF A LONG TROUBLESOME BORDER SITUATION. MAY 1354 SEE THE COMPLETION OF THE WORK BEGUN AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE PERSIAN GULF REGION. BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

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